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SUBJECT: TALK WITH FAHMY

DEPT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I TALKED WITH FAHMY LAST NIGHT ON THE SECURE PHONE TO TELL HIM I WAS BACK AND TO CONVEY YOUR WARM REGARDS AND IDEAS ABOUT MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND/OR NEW YORK. FAHMY LEFT THIS MORNING FOR COLOMBO VIA BAHRAIN.

2. ISMAIL SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND HAVING A CHANCE FOR A LONG CHAT. HE APPRECIATES YOUR OFFER OF A SMALL FOURSOME DINNER AND ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE. HE ALSO WARMLY ENDORSED THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE MEETING WITH YOU TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE AREA SITUATION AND DISCUSS OUTSTANDING MATTERS. AS YET, HE IS NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHEN HE WILL ARRIVE IN THE US, BUT HOPE TO FIRM THIS UP SHORTLY AFTER AUG 20 WHEN HE RETURNS FROM COLOMBO. HE SUGGESTED THAT YOUR OFFICE AND THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MIGHT WORK OUT DETAILS IN DUE COURSE. AFAT PLANS TO ACCOMPANY ISMAIL ON HIS US TRIP.

3. FAHMY ALSO ASKED IF I HAD MENTIONED HIS "STRATEGIC SECRET

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BELT" CONCEPT TO YOU. I TOLD HIM I HAD DONE SO AND

THAT YOU FULLY ENDORSE THE IDEA. IT WAS IN FACT
CONSISTENT WITH SOME OF YOUR OWN THOUGHTS ON THE
SUBJECT. THIS PROMPTED FAHMY TO RAISE AGAIN THE
POSSIBILITY OF OUR LENDING GOE 10 C-130'S (CAIRO 9773)
SO THAT IT CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY ASSIST NUMAYRI AGAINST
THE LIBYAN THREAT. I TOLD HIM THAT, AS HE WOULD RECALL,
GOE CHOSE THE OPTION CALLING FOR DECEMBER DELIVERY OF
C-130'S. AS HE MIGHT NOT FULLY APPRECIATE, HOWEVER,
THE USAF C-130 FLEET IS ALREADY OVER-TAXED AND I DID
NOT PERSONALLY SEE HOW SUCH A LOAN COULD BE MADE.
ISMAIL THEN ASKED HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE
"STRATEGIC BELT" CONCEPT AND GOE'S CENTRAL POSITION
THEREIN. I SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS A MATTER HE
MIGHT USEFULLY DISCUSS WITH YOU WHEN YOU MEET IN THE
US. HE READILY AGREED.

4. FINALLY, HE ASKED THAT I SEND HIS WARM REGARDS TO
YOU AND NANCY. I DID NOT MENTION TO HIM THE
POSSIBILITY OF NANCY AND DAVID COMING HERE LATER THIS
MONTH, SINCE I PREFER TO DO SO WITH THE PRESIDENT.
I HAVE ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH SADAT AND HOPE
ONE MAY BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY.
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